

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15, and 17-19 are pending in this application, of which claims 15 and 17-19 have been amended, and claims 1-10 were allowed.

(1) The drawings, the specification and claims 15 and 17-19 were objected to. Office Action, Sections 1-4.

In this Response, claims 15 and 17-19 have been amended from “electrical terminal” to “external electrode.” The basis is found at page 7, line 12, and Fig. 4.

The amendment of claims 17-19 is also believed to overcome the objections to the drawings and the specification. Reconsideration of the objections is respectfully requested.

(2) Claims 12, 13, 15 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Murphy et al (5702255). Office Action, Section 6.

Claims 17 and 19 have been amended. Applicants traverse the rejection because Murphy et al. do not disclose the step down portion engaged with the claw of the present invention. The portions 54 and 55 of Murphy et al. are not engaged with the upper surface of the projected portion of the package 12. See Fig. 3 of Murphy et al. In addition, although the Office Action asserts that the portion 30 corresponds to the elastic member of the present invention, the portion 30 is a via.

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As disclosed at col.4, lines 5-10, the socket body is disclosed to be formed from, e.g., glass-filled polyester, and there is no disclosure that the socket includes an elastic member.

Regarding claim 12, the portions 54 and 55 of Murphy et al. do not contact a part of the package 12, although the Office Action asserts so. See Fig. 3 of Murphy et al.

Regarding claim 13, Murphy et al. do not disclose any elastic member, or a structure to penetrate of the elastic member.

Regarding claim 18, Murphy et al. do not disclose any elastic member. In addition, Murphy et al. do not disclose the step down portion engaged with any engaging member.

Thus, the rejection of 12, 13, 15 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is not supported by Murphy et al. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

(3) Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy et al (5702255). Office Action, Section 9.

Applicants traverse the rejection because Murphy et al. do not disclose any elastic member. See col. 4, lines 5-10. Thus, the apparatus of Murphy et al. does not allow the package 12 to be positioned in a slanted manner. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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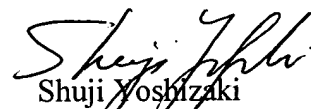
(4) In view of the above, claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15, and 17-19, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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